



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 397***

LCO No. 1488

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THEFT OF SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 53a-119 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (7) Theft of services. A person is guilty of theft of services when: (A)  
5 With intent to avoid payment for restaurant services rendered, or for  
6 services rendered to [him] such person as a transient guest at a hotel,  
7 motel, inn, tourist cabin, rooming house or comparable establishment,  
8 [he] such person avoids such payment by unjustifiable failure or  
9 refusal to pay, by stealth, or by any misrepresentation of fact which  
10 [he] such person knows to be false; or (B) (i) with intent to obtain  
11 railroad, subway, bus, air, taxi or any other public transportation  
12 service without payment of the lawful charge therefor or to avoid  
13 payment of the lawful charge for such transportation service which has  
14 been rendered to [him, he] such person, such person obtains such  
15 service or avoids payment therefor by force, intimidation, stealth,  
16 deception or mechanical tampering, or by unjustifiable failure or  
17 refusal to pay, or (ii) with intent to obtain the use of equipment,

18 including a motor vehicle, without payment of the lawful charge  
 19 therefor, or to avoid payment of the lawful charge for such use which  
 20 has been permitted [him, he] such person, such person obtains such  
 21 use or avoids such payment therefor by means of any false or  
 22 fraudulent representation, fraudulent concealment, false pretense or  
 23 personation, trick, artifice or device, including, but not limited to, a  
 24 false representation as to [his] such person's name, residence,  
 25 employment, or driver's license; or (C) obtaining or having control  
 26 over labor in the employ of another person, or of business, commercial  
 27 or industrial equipment or facilities of another person, knowing that  
 28 [he] such person is not entitled to the use thereof, and with intent to  
 29 derive a commercial or other substantial benefit for himself or herself  
 30 or a third person, [he] such person uses or diverts to the use of himself  
 31 or herself or a third person such labor, equipment or facilities, or (D)  
 32 after renting or leasing personal property under an agreement in  
 33 writing that provides for the return of such property to a particular  
 34 place at a particular time, other than personal property that is rented  
 35 or leased under chapter 743i, such person, with intent to obtain the use  
 36 of such property without payment of the lawful charge for such use or  
 37 to avoid payment of the lawful charge for the use of such property that  
 38 has been permitted such person, fails to return such property to the  
 39 agreed place or to any other place of business of the lessor no later  
 40 than forty-eight hours after the lessee receives a written demand from  
 41 the lessor for the return of the property by registered or certified mail,  
 42 return receipt requested, addressed to such person at such person's  
 43 address as shown in the written agreement, or if a more recent address  
 44 is known to the lessor, at the more recent address.

This act shall take effect as follows:

Section 1	October 1, 2004
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To add a category to theft of service for unlawful use of a rental or lease of personal property.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*